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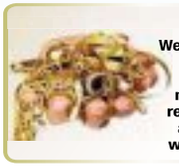

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A mum and dad to hundreds

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A HUSBAND and wife who have fostered 250 children over 30 years have been rewarded for making a difference to so many young lives.

Tim and Sandra Thorne, from Eaton Bray, near Dunstable, were recognised for their fantastic work and long service at a Celebration of Fostering event held by Central Bedfordshire Council.

It comes at a time when there is a shortage of people opting to become foster carers - but for Tim and Sandra it has been hugely gratifying.

Sandra told *Luton on Sunday*: "I worked with someone who was a foster carer, so I was aware of it. I didn't intend to do it for so long ■ **Turn to page 5**

Worker killed by lorry on the M1

A CONSTRUCTION worker was killed while working on the M1 after a lorry crashed into him in a tragic incident which is now being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The 47-year-old, named locally as Robert English, was working on the motorway within a section of roadworks on the northbound carriageway near Northampton.

The lorry hit Mr English just before 9am on Monday (October 10), and emergency services including an air ambulance were called to the scene.

Despite their efforts he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Friends and family left touching tributes to Mr English on the *Luton on Sunday* Facebook page this week. Robert's sister Evelyn Hourigan wrote: "Rest in peace my darling brother, life will not be the same without you."

Kirstie-Leigh Gibson added: "He was the nicest gentlemen and father to his children and partner. Such a shame."

The HSE has now launched an investigation after Mr English was hit by the vehicle, believed to be a dumper truck.

It has been reported that he was working for a drainage contractor which was subcontracted by the Costain/Galliford Try joint venture, as part of a £65 million project to increase capacity on the motorway.

A spokesperson for the Costain/Galliford Try joint venture said: "We offer our sincere condolences to the deceased's family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time. An investigation is under way."

A spokesman for the HSE said it was 'aware of the incident' and that it was liaising with Northamptonshire Police, which will be leading the investigation.

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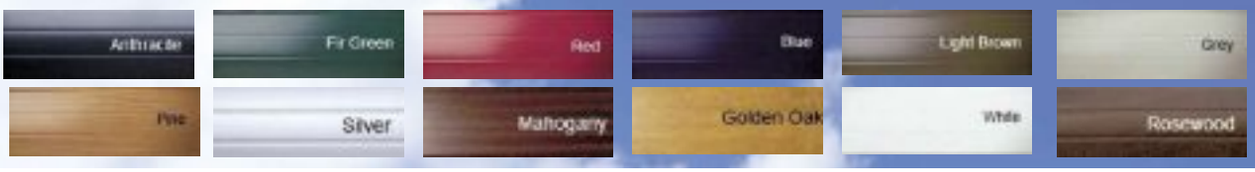

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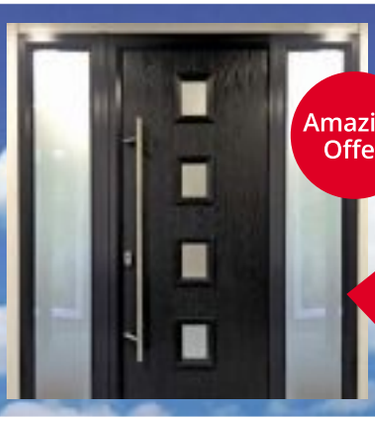

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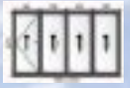
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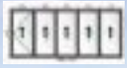
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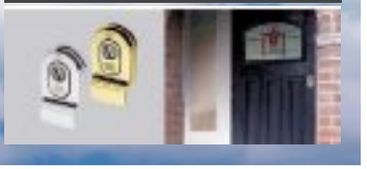

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GOLDEN MOMENT: Reader David Nye snapped this tranquil autumn shot in Leagrave Marsh, and we think it is quite a stunner. Email your pictures to us at editor@lsnmedia.co.uk for a chance to see them in print.

Editor's Letter

Has the world gone stark raving mad?

I WRITE to you as news of yet another clown-meets-angry-pedestrian hits my Twitter feed.

At the same time, across the Atlantic, a man branded a 'global danger' by the UN and who is happy to brag about sexually assaulting women continues his bid to run the most powerful country on earth.

Meanwhile back in the UK, while we thought Brexit was a Marmite issue, it turns out Marmite (more specifically, the price of it) is a Brexit issue.

Oh, and I forgot to mention that scieNtists in Australia are reporting that drinking too much water could kill you.

I can't escape the feeling that someone somewhere is having a good laugh. What do we do about it all?

Keep calm and carry on is the best advice I can muster. Spend the rest of the weekend with those who are dear to you and remember the important things in life. You can't rely on anything else to keep you sane.

Sarah Cox

More than 1,000 children arrested despite big drop

BY NICK SMITH
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MORE than 1,100 children were arrested by Bedfordshire Police last year, according to the latest figures.

Cops arrested 1,175 boys and girls aged under 17 in 2015.

But the statistics, published by the Howard League for Penal Reform charity, show the number of children arrested in Bedfordshire has fallen by 37 per cent in the last five years.

In 2010, the force made 1,853 child arrests, 1,692 in 2011 and 1,770 in 2012.

That dropped to 1,390 in 2013 and fell again to 1,290 in 2014.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the charity, said: "I applaud Bedfordshire Police for their success in reducing child arrests."

The statistics were published in a briefing by the charity, Child arrests in England and Wales 2015, on Monday.

It believes that the drop in numbers can be attributed to improved staff training, support from communities and better use of resources to solve problems as well as the removal of national targets.

Across England and Wales, police made 102,666 arrests of boys and girls aged 17 and under during 2015.

That is a 58 per cent reduction in five years.

Between 2010 and 2015, the number of children in prison in England and Wales also fell by 58 per cent.

Arrests of girls are falling at a faster rate than arrests of boys, with police forces recording a 63 per cent drop in girls' arrests between 2010 and 2015.

"It is particularly gratifying that, across England and Wales, the reduction in child arrests matches exactly the reduction in custody for children, and it is no coincidence," Mr Crook added.

"The Howard League is proud to have played its part in a significant change to the policing and life chances of children.

"We have stemmed the flow of children into the justice system and the consequential downward spiral into crime and custody."

DEDICATED: Tim and Sandra Thorne have been foster carers to hundreds of children

Lifetime of foster care

■ Continued from front

when I started I thought I'd be doing it for a few months. That was 30 years ago."

Since then the couple have fostered more than 250 kids, coupled with raising five children of their own.

And the whole family got to celebrate their wonderful work at the ceremony, held at Woburn Safari Park a few weeks ago,

Councillor Carole Hegley, Central Bedfordshire Council's executive member for social care, said: "Fostering involves the whole family, so it's great for us to get the foster carers own children involved in the fun, and it's why an award is presented to a foster carer's birth children who really make a difference in welcoming foster children into their home."

And the council, as well as Tim and Sandra, hope more people can step up and become foster carers to address the shortage.

Sandra said: "I have always said to people to give it a go, even if you only help a child for a couple of weeks.

"Everybody has something to offer - and seeing kids who have difficulties come out of the other end a better person is the most rewarding thing."

If you're interested, call Central Beds Council on 0300 300 8181.

Cops' alert over clown craze fears

BEDFORDSHIRE Police is warning people it will not tolerate threatening behaviour - after receiving numerous reports of people dressed as clowns.

The force has received 17 calls since the craze of dressing up as clowns hit the UK.

A police spokesman said: "What may seem like a laugh could cause a great deal of fear and anxiety to others.

"This behaviour is tying up police resources, which could impact emergency calls."

Machete-waving thug behind bars

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MAN has been sentenced to six years in prison after robbing a betting shop armed with a machete.

Sean Heeney, 31, of Mount View, Luton, was sentenced at Luton Crown Court on Thursday after pleading guilty to the robbery which took place on March 11.

Between 8.15pm and 8.45pm, Heeney entered the Dunstable branch of Ladbrokes brandishing a large machete, and took £700 from the till.

The incident was captured on the CCTV, and investigators were able to access footage showing Heeney walking to and from the shop.

JAILED: Sean Heeney, 31

He was identified by an item of clothing that was discarded just before he entered the shop, and from tattoos on his neck and hand.

Heeney was sentenced to six years' imprisonment for robbery and 10 months for possession of a knife, to run concurrently.

Detective Constable Stephen Francis, from Bedfordshire Police, said he was 'pleased the courts have recognised the severity of this incident'.

"He is now paying the price for his criminality and this should send a clear message that crime doesn't pay.

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MYTH: DISC problems will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a DISC specialist *immediately.* Left untreated, DISC problems can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with DISC problems.

FACT: In severe cases, DISC problems can lead to the inability to control your bowels, bladder and sexual potency - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with bad DISCs.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure damaged spinal DISCs.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to damage my DISC."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to weakened DISCs. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause damage. DISC damage can happen to anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to let the DISC recover...

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve DISC pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: DISC bulges or herniations require surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of DISC problems. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

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MYTH: Getting DISC problems properly diagnosed is expensive.

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Peter Olsson
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Calls for an end to 'chest beating' rite

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE have confirmed they will have a presence when a religious ceremony takes place today – after a row erupted over whether it should be banned.

The Masjid-e-Ali Muslim community group organises the annual Shia procession which will pass through the streets of the Bury Park area this afternoon.

The procession will allow people to mourn for Imam Hussain, the grandson of the prophet Muhammad, in a ritual which includes mourners beating their chests.

But a petition at change.org, created by resident Altaf Khan, has called for a ban on the 'chest beating' procession.

Altaf writes: "Self-flagellation and chest beating scares, offends and frightens members of the local community."

He added that it was an 'inconvenience' for local businesses and residents, as major streets including Bury Park Road will be shut from noon until 5pm for the event to take place.

The petition has been signed by more than 1,500 people, but even more have signed a counter-petition which asks for the participants to 'practice our religion in peace'.

Nearly 2,500 people have signed the counter petition by Maula da Mallang, who writes: "The basis of a tolerant society is that it allows for the expression of religious ceremonies of all people equally, within the boundaries of the law. Shia 'chest beating' (matam) and procession (juloos) are performed by us, on ourselves. We neither force anyone to join us, nor do we do it on others."

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The petition, added that the event has taken place in Bury Park for years without any incidents.

The ceremony comes just days after police were called to a self-flagellation ceremony at the Masjid-e-Ali mosque, in Beechwood Road, on Tuesday to 'prevent any possible disorder'.

A police spokesman said: "Our Community Cohesion team work closely with the mosque committee and partners, and will be providing a policing presence today."

Abi realises his foodie dream

A MAN believes he's spotted a gap in the market for fresh Indian street food at lunchtime.

Abi Shaikh from Luton opened his new restaurant Abi's at Central Square in The Mall on October 7.

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Family killed by driver on phone

BY STEPHEN PENN
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THE driver of a lorry has admitted killing a mum and her children in a horror smash as he was distracted by his mobile phone behind the wheel.

Tomasz Kroker, from Andover, pleaded guilty to causing the deaths of Tracy Houghton, her sons Ethan, 13, and Josh, 11, and her partner's daughter Aimee Goldsmith, 11, while driving dangerously on the A34 near East Ilsey on August 10.

Tracy, who worked at Central Bedfordshire Council, had been returning to Dunstable from a family camping holiday in the south west when Kroker's lorry collided with her Vauxhall Corsa.

Her partner Mark Goldsmith and his 13-year-old son Jake witnessed the devastating eight-vehicle crash as they followed in the car behind.

On Monday, Kroker entered a guilty plea at Reading Crown Court to four counts of causing death by dangerous driving.

LIVES LOST: Tracy Houghton, inset, was killed along with her son (L-R) Ethan, her partner's daughter Aimee and younger son Josh

He also pleaded guilty to one count of causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

The court heard the 30-year-old had been using his mobile phone as he approached a queue of vehicles on the road.

Kroker will appear before the court again on October 31 for sentencing.

Eight vehicles were involved in the crash, with one man airlifted to hospital and 11 more treated for minor injuries. Mr Goldsmith was also injured, suffering whiplash and a broken rib.

At the time of the crash, Tracy's mum Jo Smith paid tribute to her family on social media.

She wrote: "I'm so sad to say I am the mother and grandmother to all involved in this terrible accident.

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Eight storey blocks of flats are refused

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A HOUSING development featuring eight storey flat blocks has been refused planning permission because its appearance was 'inappropriate'.

The scheme would have seen 133 one bedroom flats, 209 two bedroom flats and 44 three bedroom flats built on land adjacent to Caddington Road and Newlands Road.

But members of Luton Borough Council's development control committee decided to follow the advice of planning officers and refuse the application - despite acknowledging the need for social housing.

There would have been a number of eight-storey building blocks, and planning officers felt it would be 'contrived and inappropriate'.

It was a description agreed on by members of the council committee, who voted against it on Wednesday.

Councillor Dave Taylor, the committee's chairman, said: "The application was refused and passions were running quite high at the meeting.

"There is a need for social housing in Luton, but purely from a planning point of view it couldn't be granted.

"It was down to the scale of the development and it didn't really fit in with the area and its surroundings. The plans for car parking were totally inadequate as well."

READY TO GO: School will be built on the Brache grounds

School is given the green light

A NEW secondary school has been granted planning permission - and is set to help ease a crisis with the number of school places.

The 1,200 place school will be on the old cricket playing fields of Vauxhall Motors, known as the Brache, off Gipsy Lane.

Also given approval on Wednesday by councillors was a £40million STEM building for the University of Bedfordshire in the town centre.

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DOZYPARKERS

Always one

IT'S bad enough that cars mounting the kerb has become customary practice in Longcroft Road in Farley Hill. At least there is usually just enough space for pedestrians to squeeze past.

But there's always one person who takes things too far.

The red Mercedes Benz in this picture, taken by one of our patrolling readers, has mounted the pavement completely - blocking it off entirely.

It's not a car park, dear driver.

Luton on sunday

READALLOVER

THIS week's Read All Over features Mark Dagwell, a branch manager for Indigo Residential estate agents.

The firm has offices in Barton Road, Leagrave, Stopsley and the nearby town of Ampthill.

Mark said: "Luton is a great market that is expanding all the time. It's a great time to get a mortgage and you might be surprised at what you can actually afford."

BLOGGER OF THE WEEK: Margaret Simons

Behind the scenes at Tory party conference

Margaret Simons, chairman of Luton Conservative Association, had a front row seat at last week's Conservative party conference. She tells us what the newspapers missed...

I HAD a great time at the Conservative conference last week.

Of course it is an opportunity for a very wide range of views to be expressed, debated, argued over.

The media show the keynote speeches but for each of those there were probably 10 - 15 fringe events taking place discussing just about every possible topic that affect our lives, our country and the world.

The new Prime Minister Theresa May has come in not just to manage the process of our leaving the European Union, but with a wide agenda of social reform and for me this is a very welcome move.

Politics is about much more than the economy, but it is also about our society, how we live together, care for our neighbour and the values that underlie that.

So I for one am very pleased to see a broad agenda of slowing the austerity programme – though the debt is still there and will still have to be dealt with – underlining the fact that we do want a country that works for everyone, and to have the financial base to sustain it.

There was a great deal on housing.

There has been a housing shortage in this country for decades, and Theresa May's government is acting to tackle it, allowing building on more than brownfield sites; people need homes.

No longer will soldiers be hauled in front of the European Court of Human Rights following incidents whilst on active service.

Numbers of prison staff will be increased.

The nuclear deterrent – the ultimate guarantee of the nation's security will be renewed.

The budget for people with mental illness will be increased – and action to deal with the stigma that is still there.

No longer will those with severe, lifelong conditions be continually reassessed in order to retain their welfare payments.

Luton should feel the benefit of this change in Government, if the local council takes the opportunities offered to it.

The local Conservative Party and the Conservative Councillors on Luton Borough Council will be doing all we can to make sure they do.

Your Luton Letters on sunday

BOOZE BAN: Lots of readers got in touch about last week's front page story – but opinions were divided

Time for action

WHENEVER I venture into town I always pass alcoholics or beggars.

In the past I have rang the police to complain but I think they just turn a 'blind eye'.

I have seen the police chatting to them as if they are best friends instead of actually taking their booze from them.

Same with the beggars. The police don't bother moving them on.

Luton is a tip.

Marnie Hitchcock
By email

Common sense, please

ONE Tory councillor loses his s*** about the state of the town and suddenly we should be throwing the book at people in need of serious help? What is the world, never mind Luton, coming to!?

If you criminalise people who are already on the margins of society, at best all you do is move the problem on. At worst, you send them further into a destructive spiral.

Let's speak to the people who know these people, understand their issues and know our streets before we take advice from angry middle-class politicans.

By email

Impact on business

THANK you for your interesting article in *Luton on Sunday* regarding 'boozing in town centre'.

My family, friends and I feel that it is very intimidating walking through Luton town centre, due to the large number of folk/ groups of young men, with apparent alcohol issues.

This can be any time of the day.

I saw a fight break out near one of the pubs adjacent to Alma street, a few weeks ago, it was all very upsetting.

Most of the people I know would rather shop elsewhere, (e.g travelling miles away to MK,) rather than visit Luton.

The shops must lose a lot of business because of this.

Name and address supplied

Booze ban support

I JUST want to say that I agree with a booze ban all through the town centre.

I work in town at a bakery and all we see every day is people drinking and begging – and we see people sniffing drugs at times too – they frighten each other and when we call the police they never turn up.

More needs to be done as Luton town is becoming a dump to live in.

The police need to be on the beat more and not just take the drink off them when they see them but arrest them because when the police leave they just get more drink from shops.

Dorothy Chick
Luton

Massive growth

SO Luton is set to see a 25 per cent increase in secondary school aged pupils by 2020 so a new school needs to be built at the Brache at the cost of many millions of pounds.

Planning applications are also going in to build massive new housing developments on green belt land around Wigmore as the town's population is seeing massive growth.

No prizes for thinking that this growth is coming mainly from mass immigration from Eastern Europe and beyond. The question has to be asked: can you have too much of a good thing? Those that voted for Brexit clearly think so.

Jeff Morgan
Rylands Heath
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Cars abandoned on the street finally removed

A STREET that had become a 'dumping ground' for cars has finally seen the abandoned vehicles removed.

Residents on Camford Way had been concerned at the high number of cars that were being left by owners.

The Council's Environmental Enforcement, Neighbourhood Enforcement, Licensing and Cleansing teams visited the street on October 6 to tidy the road up. Luton Borough Council seized eight vehicles with the others being removed by the business that dumped them there in the first place.

CCTV has been installed to deter repeat offences.

Cllr Rachel Hopkins, portfolio holder for enforcement, said: "It was becoming an eyesore. We're serious about keeping Luton looking good."

DUMPING GROUND: The council teams remove the cars left on Camford Way

Crackdown on bad behaviour in centre

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PLANNED crackdown on anti-social behaviour could see a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) implemented in the town cenre.

Luton Borough Council wants to tackle street drinking, begging, urinating, defecating, spitting, dog fouling, littering, legal highs and even cases of bird feeding in the centre.

If introduced, the PSPO would allow the Council to introduce measures or fines to address these issues and help improve the quality of the area for people to enjoy.

Councillor Rachel Hopkins, portfolio holder for community safety, said: "With so much exciting change happening across Luton it's vital people are proud of our town centre.

"The aim of the order would be to ensure that the law-abiding majority of people can use and enjoy public spaces safe from anti-social behaviour."

Now the council is seeking the views of residents to see if there is an appetite to introduce the order - just one week after LoS reported on a new attack on public boozing.

Cllr Hopkins added: "Before we make a decision on this we want to get views from those who live, work or visit the town centre."

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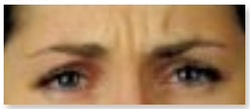

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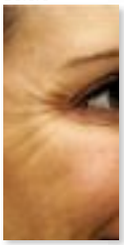

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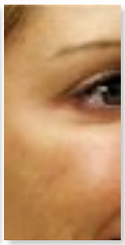

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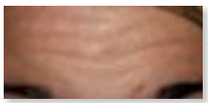

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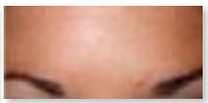

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Community Company of the Year Award
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This award is looking for nominations of organisations either commercial or not for profit who are based in the town and can demonstrate their support and commitment to the local community.

Last year's winner was Signposts. There is not a single community event or initiative in this town that Signposts have not supported in some way. The work they not only enables things to happen but they go above and beyond to make the event the best it can possibly be. The events have also helped to develop their volunteers who have grown in confidence and improved their quality of life.

Lutonian of the Year Award
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To recognise an individual or organisation's outstanding achievements in promoting Luton as a town to be proud of.

The judges will be looking for examples of how the work has helped to gain positive local and national media coverage for the town and where their work has significantly contributed to the overall positive image to visitors and those living outside of their town as well as significantly improving the lives of local people.

Last year's winner was Nadiya Hussain (*pictured*). Nadiya was the 2015 winner of the Great British Bake Off. The programme was watched by more than 14 million people. Nadiya was born and grew up in Luton attending Challney High School for Girls.

She has become a local hero for so many who can relate to her either through their cooking or as a successful woman and mother.

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To recognise an individual whose achievements have been far-reaching in the community. Examples can include a volunteer who has given up their time for many years, a local carer or a business person who has given many years to improving the lives of people in Luton.

Last year's winner was Kevin Porter. He celebrated 25 years service to Signposts. Kevin who started out as a support worker and is now chief executive has always believed in people and believes that anything is possible with the right guidance.

■ To nominate someone online visit: loveluton.org.uk/lutons bestawards or in person collect a form at locations across Luton, including the Town Hall and library. Nominations close on Sunday, October 30 – so get going!

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Uni's new chapter

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TRANSFORMATION: Vice Chancellor Bill Rammell in the entrance of the new library

THE University of Bedfordshire's (UoB) new £46 million Luton library has seven floors, 154,000 books – and one pretty awesome view of the town from the top.

Students have already been studying in the impressive glass-fronted building, which also has a cafe, 530 PCs and 916 study spaces including private pods, for the last few months.

At its official opening party on Thursday, Vice Chancellor Bill Rammell said he was glad students - who even picked out some of the furniture for the space - had already been taking advantage of the new facility's 24/7 opening hours.

"Records show there are about 200 students in here in the early hours using the library," he said, joking that the floor to ceiling windows will 'help keep the students awake'.

The new building was officially opened by Luton author Stephen Kelman, who grew up on the Marsh Farm estate and studied marketing at UoB before having debut novel Pigeon English shortlisted for the 2011 Man Booker Prize.

He said: "When I was a young boy growing up in Marsh Farm my horizons were quite narrow. The library on my doorstep gave me aspiration.

"Libraries have the power to transform people. There was probably a handul of computers and dial-up internet in my time, but nothing compared to the facility you have here today."

The new library, designed by mosescameronwilliams architects, is one of several projects planned for the university as part of a £180 million five-year investment plan, including a new building devoted to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"I think the first decision I took as Vice Chancellor was to completely rip up the plan we had for the library elsewhere," Mr Rammell added.

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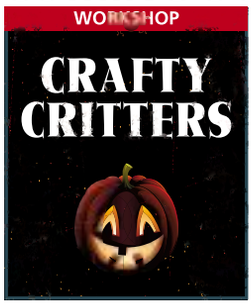

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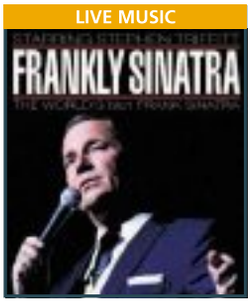

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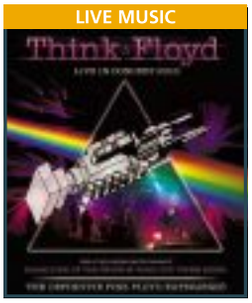

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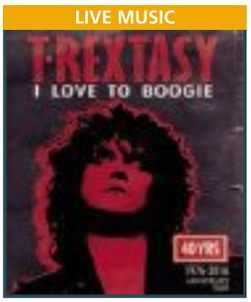

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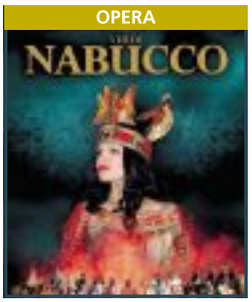

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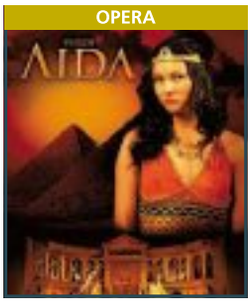

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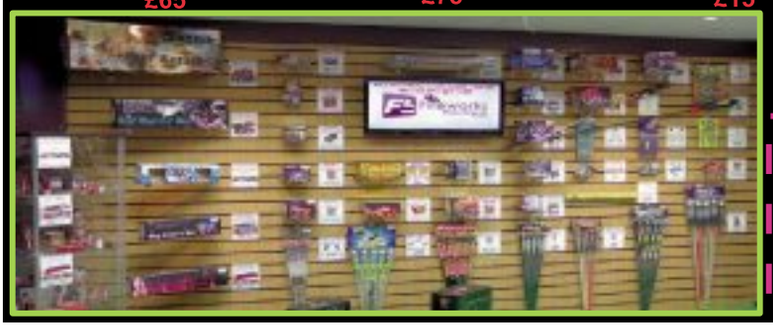

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Sarah Massey, Dancevybz
Francesca Castagnaro, Mayfair Insurance
Jack Hunter, Belvoir Bedford
Emma Jayne Richardson, Cavalier Club Barber Shop
Jeffrey Tribe, senior lecturer at Bedford College
Ruth Tippell, computing lecturer at Bedford College

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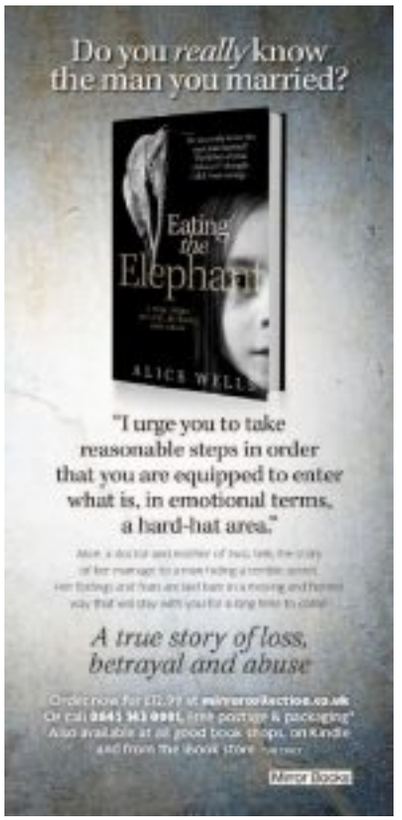

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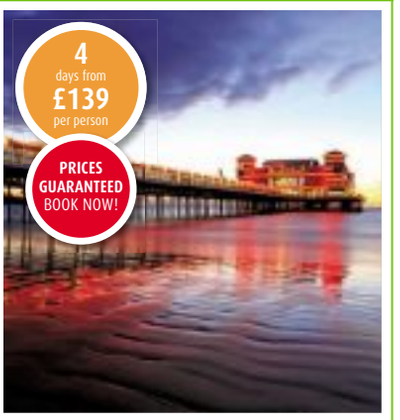

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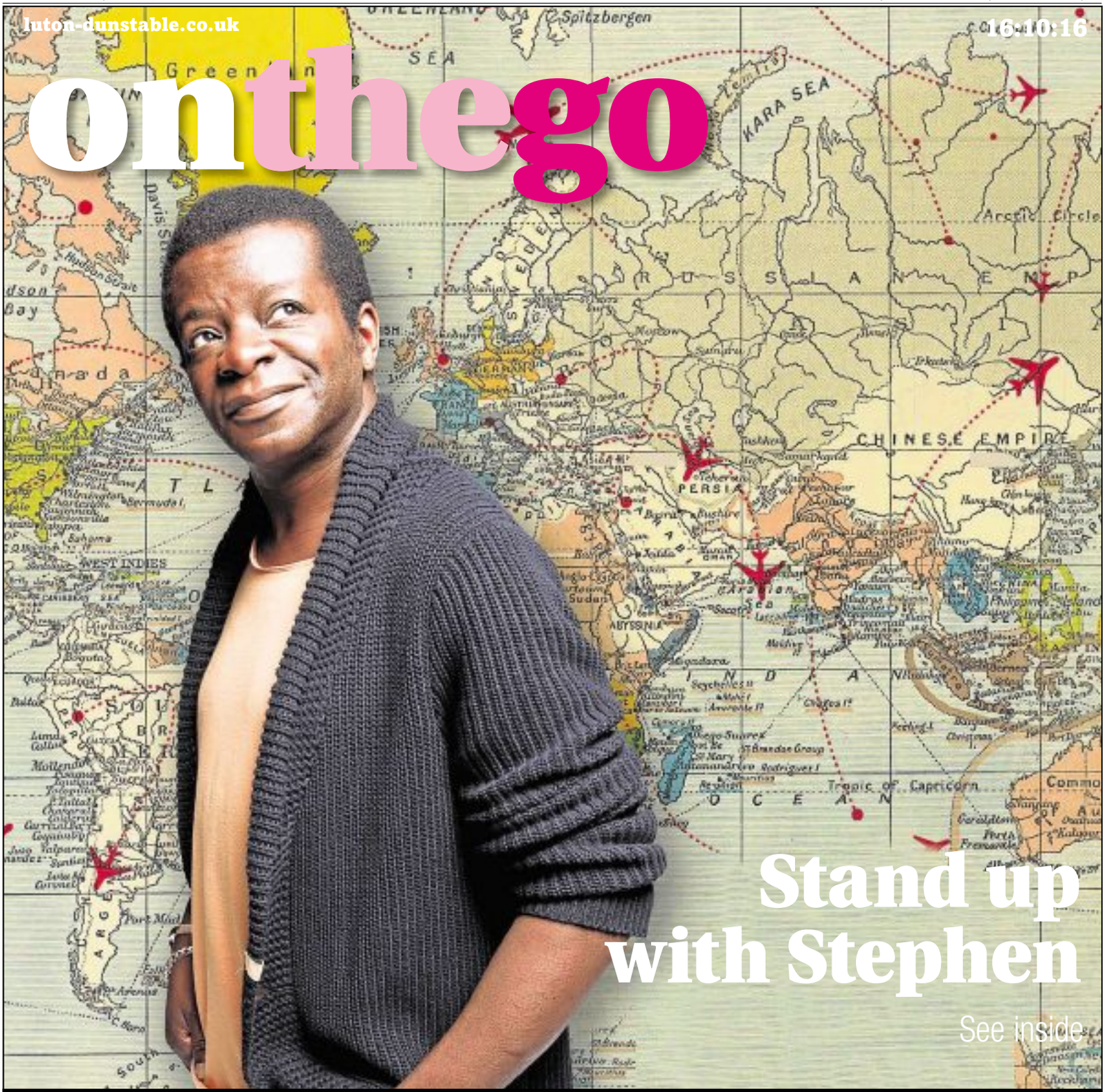

Stand up with Stephen

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OUT & ABOUT

Cooking up a healthy appetite

A FREE cooking session will help families in the High Town ward learn how to make healthy meals this half term.

The taster session on October 26 at Luton Irish Forum will provide children and their parents with skills to cook healthy and affordable meals.

HEALTHY COOKING LUTON IRISH FORUM OCTOBER 26

The community session runs from 10am to 2pm and is provided by Healthwatch Luton, in collaboration with the Children's Food Trust, after the group looked at research showing those on lower incomes struggle to support and feed their children during the holidays.

MUSIC

Melodies made for a Monday

MAKE the most of Monday night with a musical interlude from life at Luton Library Theatre.

Virtuoso pianist Simon Callaghan will be joined by star violinist Martyn Jackson, the newly appointed leader of the Allegri Quartet, for the show tomorrow night.

MUSIC ON MONDAYS LUTON LIBRARY THEATRE TOMORROW

The duo will be playing Mozart, Clara Schumann, Lili Boulanger, Judith Bingham and Fauré.

The night kicks off at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16 (£10 concessions) and children under 18 in full-time education go free. Pick up a ticket on the night or from 01582 878100.

COMEDY

Comic Stephen is sounding off

'WORLD FAMOUS' STEPHEN K AMOS LIBRARY THEATRE NOVEMBER 12

FOR such a mild mannered chap, stand up comedian Stephen K Amos has recently been feeling quite annoyed.

Thankfully this talented comic, who has been wooing his audiences across three decades now, is not keeping it to himself.

Instead he'll be offloading his annoyance onto his crowds for a new national tour entitled World Famous.

"For the first time in a long time, I am feeling really annoyed," he confirms.

"So when I've been trying out new stuff with audiences, I've been warning them, 'you know what, I'm pretty annoyed at people'. And for some reason they all laugh at that, perhaps because I'm not normally seen as a confrontational type."

The main source of his current ire is social media with its pack mentality and irrational hunting down of individuals for a comment they've made, an opinion they've expressed or, sometimes, just for having the temerity of being alive.

He said:"I'm in despair about the world and mainly annoyed at what people are prepared to say and do on social media.

"I see some of my comedy friends on Twitter getting into conversations with complete strangers, what is the point?

"If you don't like my stuff, you don't have to go online to tell me. But people go out of their way to set up a Facebook page to tell everyone, 'I hate so and so'.

"There are so many other things to get excited about that effect all of us: like Britain having a new PM that we haven't voted for, or potentially having Trump as leader of the free world."

Despite the mental fatigue he's feeling for the state of the planet, Stephen is still driven by hunger and enthusiasm for the stand-up world he has been a part of since emerging in the late 1990s.

And he's getting particularly excited by the thought of performing for audiences who have very mixed opinions.

"The only good thing about hearing that people voted Brexit or that there are people who would vote for Trump is knowing that those people are out there in my audience.

"Gone are the days when you had like-minded friends who share all your beliefs and now you just can't preach to the converted. That makes for a great challenge to me as a performer."

The laugh a minute show takes place at Luton Library Theatre on Saturday, November 12 from 8pm until 10pm.

Tickets are selling fast and cost £16 from the box office on 01582 878100.

Alternatively, you can book your seats online at lutonculture.com

Advertising Feature

Shades of Soul - a music and dance stage show - A Celebration of Black History - Saturday 29th Ocotber 2016

How do we define "SOUL"?

In this regard, I refer to 'Soul music' as a genre that many groups and artists either prefer or are allocated to once they have made their way into one of the music charts that are still available.

However, how much do we really know about the soul music of our generation and its origins?

Lee Drummond has been representing soul music for many years in Luton town and surrounding areas having also presented a show on BBC 3 Counties radio, as well as being the face of many charity events for Cancer Research UK, Luton in Harmony and Love Luton.

"As a celebration of Black History month I have put together a production called "Shades of Soul". This is a live stage performance which will depict the changing face of soul music from the fields of slavery, through the gospel soul of the church to present day. This live stage show will utilise the talents of Luton town and the surrounding Three Counties to portray a musical performance that not only eulogises the movement of soul music through the era's but also gives a platform for local talent to showcase their own abilities".

Lee had organised four community based workshops to encourage locals to participate in music and dance based activities that will encourage community cohesion, increase social integration, enhance and add to personal skills, and to educate different cultural groups of all ages and genres.

All of the workshops were therefore provided **FREE OF CHARGE.** Shades of Soul will provide these members of the community with a platform to show what they themselves have learned during the workshops, while expressing the change in the Face of SOUL in relation to the change of the musical movement across different cultural groups. Soul line dance, Jazz-Funk dance, vocal training and Bass guitar workshops have been in place to allow the community to have an opportunity to access programmes, that they would ordinarily not have had access to due to high costs or other discriminatory boundaries.

Lee goes on to state that" the show will be presented to the backing of a live local band (Peter Honegan Band), the performances will incorporate those participants of the FOUR workshops that were organised over the previous 6-8 weeks, giving community cohesion and inclusion of multi faith groups, ethnicities and cultures. The youngest of our performers are 6 years and 10 years while the oldest are over 60years.

By expressing this change as part of **Black History month (October),** the Shades of Soul performance will provide a historic and educational portrayal while being as entertaining as any famous musical of the West End.

This is a show for all the family to enjoy, and will invite you all to come and enjoy a cultural celebration of history as well as be entertained throughout the show by locals that you might even recognise. Come and support your locals at this great event and enjoy the talents of Luton town.

To be held at the UK Carnival Arts Centre, St Mary's Road, Luton LU1 3JA, **Saturday 29th October, 2016.** Doors open 7.00pm for an 8pm start. **Tickets are only £8 in advance** available from the UK Carnival Arts Centre by contacting the Centre for tickets 01582 437 100 or the organiser Lee Drummond 07947 756 859.

Lee Drummond - Shades of Soul Organiser

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THEATRE

Show full of steel

THE Hat Factory will set the scene for an emotional and poignant play about wartime camaraderie.

Following a three week run at the Sheffield Crucible Studio, Folie à deux Productions and From Ground Up Theatre Company in association with House Theatre present the national tour of Operation Crucible.

The show is travelling to 14 venues across the UK, and this week is stopping by at Luton Culture's The Hat Factory.

The performance focusses on the story of four ordinary men, who find themselves in extraordinary times.

On December 12, 1940, more than 600 people lost their lives in over seven hours of continuous bombing by Germany's Luftwaffe.

Their objective? Wiping Sheffield's world famous steel works, the heartland of Britain's munitions manufacturing, clean off the map.

The ruthless attack left Sheffield in ruins – destroying families, shattering a way of life, and changing the city and its landscape forever.

At 11.44pm on the night of the raid, a single bomb reduced the Marples Hotel, which stood proudly in Fitzalan Square, from seven storeys to just 15 feet of rubble.

Only one of the 10 compartments in the hotel's cellars withstood the blast. Within it, trapped, were four men.

Operation Crucible is their story, from beginning to end.

OPERATION CRUCIBLE
THE HAT FACTORY
OCTOBER 21

Previously seen at sold out on runs in December 2013, Operation Crucible is the debut play by Kieran Knowles.

It's an impressive debut, as the show has been winning rave reviews for its heart and the emotions it portrays.

Not only does it show the men clubbing together, but it shows the distress and frustrations of the circumstances they find themselves in, not being scared to show the cracks that can appear at such times.

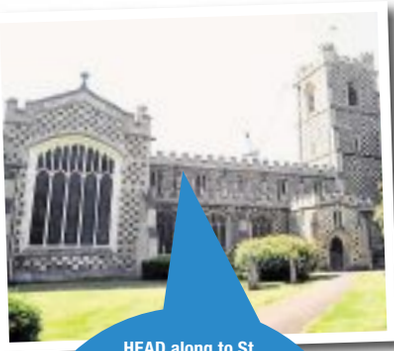
Each character is relatable in some way, but what is also a key feature is the loving nod towards a manufacturing city, and the people who made it thrive.

Operation Crucible is being performed at The Hat Factory in Bute Street on Friday, October 21. The show takes place from 7.30pm until 9.30pm, and tickets cost £10 for adults and £8 for concessions.

You can purchase tickets online on the Luton Culture website - lutonculture.com

Alternatively, you can call 01582 878 100.

What's hot in Luton



HEAD along to St Mary's Church in the town centre on Saturday for an evening of wonderful choral performances.
From 6.45pm until 9pm the serene surroundings of the church will be amplified with performances by the award winning Caritas Harmony Choir and Bushmead Primary School's Choir. Entry is £8 on the door, and under 12s can attend for free. The evening is in support of the Level Trust, which helps kids in poverty at school.

JOIN Ian Waite and Camilla Dallerup and guests from Strictly Come Dancing for a special evening of dance, singing and stories from the show.
The evening takes place at Luton Library Theatre at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £26 (adults) and £24 (concessions) from luton culture.com

THE South, an eight-piece band featuring former members of Beautiful South, are coming to the Public Halls in nearby Harpenden on October 24. So spare 'A Little Time' for the show at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £25 (+ £1.25 transaction fee) from harpenden publichalls.co.uk now.

COFFEE TIME

PATHWORDS

Starting from the central shaded letter, move one letter at a time (up, down, right or left, but not diagonally) to find 17 mountains.

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A	J	N	A	U	N	N	A	N	B	T
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TRANSFORMER

Add the given letter or letters to the first word to make a new word.

_ _ _ _ + I T

= _ _ _ I T _

Clue: Rod is made to be courteous.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT

What word links the following?

_ _ E

1. to put into action;
2. to consume regularly;
3. to exploit;
4. need.

FIVE ALIVE

Here are two miniature five-square crosswords using the same grid – but the letters have been mixed up. You have to work out which letters belong to which crossword.

SB	HI	RE	ED	PS
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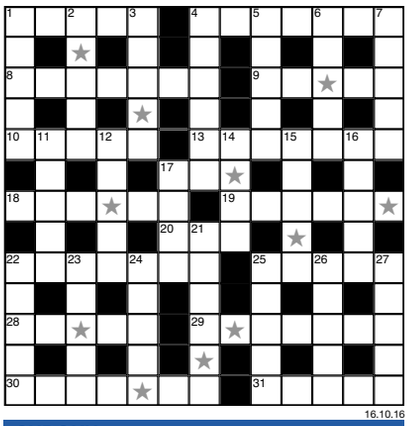
STARSPOT CROSSWORD



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Can you find the celebrity name hidden in this crossword? The letters in the starred squares will make an anagram of the name.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Central point (5)
4. Momentum (7)
8. Clap (7)
9. Cleanse thoroughly (5)
10. White heron (5)
13. Month (7)
17. To and --- (3)
18. Spicy sausage (6)
19. Deed (6)
20. Slack (3)
22. Racing sledge (7)
25. Group of eight (5)
28. Yearns (5)
29. Oblivious (7)
30. Phase of the heartbeat (7)
31. Surrender (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Snow crystal (5)
2. Frolic (5)
3. Lie obliquely (5)
4. Inside (6)
5. Small songbird (5)
6. Pulsate (5)
7. Scornful look (5)
11. Organic fertilizer (
12. Tests (5)
14. Wheedle (4)
15. Of the eye (5)
16. Elicit (5)
17. Smoothing tool (4
21. Cite, quote (6)
22. Large pill (5)
23. Additional payme (5)
24. Lariat (5)
25. Reproductive org (5)
26. Business (5)
27. Woollen fabric (5)

SUDOKU

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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SOLUTIONS

ATHWORDS:
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RANSFORMER:
ole + IT = Polite.

RAIN OF THOUGHT:
se.

VE ALIVE:
) **Across** – Sheep; inert; ttly.
own – Swift; Erect; Pitty.
) **Across** – Birds; Rebel; oist.
own – Birch; Rabbi; Splat.

TARSPOT CROSSWORD:
cross – 1 Focus; 4 npets; 8 Applaud; 9 ungé; 10 Egret; 13 October; 7 Fro; 18 Salami; 19 Action; 20 Lax; 22 Bobsled; 25 Octet; 28 Longs; 29 Unaware; 30 Systole; 31 Yield.
Down – 1 Flake; 2 Caper; 3 Slant; 4 Indoor; 5 Pipit; 6 Throb; 7 Sneer; 11 Guano; 12 Exams; 14 Coax; 15 Optic; 16 Evoke; 17 File; 21 Adduce; 22 Bolus; 23 Bonus; 24 Lasso; 25 Ovary; 26 Trade; 27 Tweed.
Star Name – RONNI ANCONA

SUDOKU:

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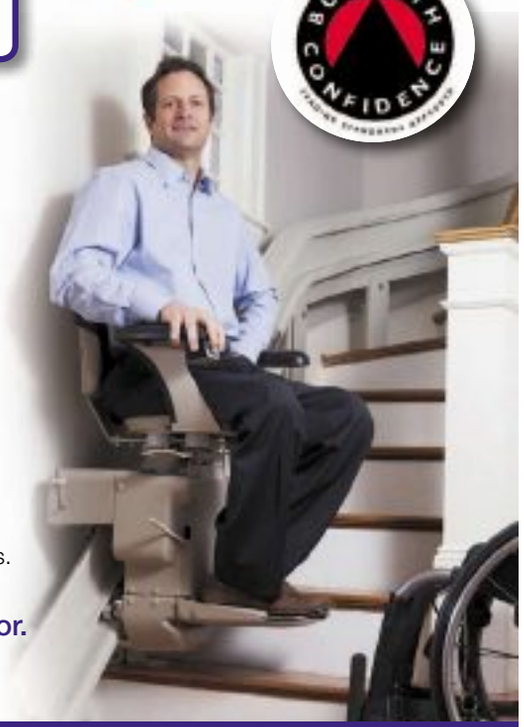

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Home to a romantic page turner

AUTHOR Catherine Cookson was not only one of the UK's most famous novelists but also an extraordinary rags-to-riches story.

Born in 1906 to an alcoholic single mother in South Shields she left school at 14 to work first in service and then in a workhouse laundry before moving to a similar job in Hastings, East Sussex. There she scrimped and saved to buy a large Victorian house and later married a local teacher, Tom Cookson, with whom she tried unsuccessfully to have children.

After several miscarriages and following a diagnosis of telangiectasia, a rare vascular disease, she began to suffer depression and to alleviate this, joined a local writers' group in the town.

Cookson published her first novel, Kate Hannigan, in 1950 aged 44 and went on to write almost a hundred books in total, racking up global sales of more than 123 million books.

After her first two titles had been published, the couple bought a stout but spacious four-bedroom 1930s detached house in St Helen's, an upmarket suburb to the north of the town. It is now for sale at £1.1 million with agent PCM (01424 839111).

They moved in on Guy Fawkes Day, 1954, despite being warned off the property by an agent and set about renovating it, including the garden, which had been used as a dump during the war.

But as her and her husband's health failed the couple moved back to Catherine's north eastern homeland and a house in Jesmond, Newcastle. She died in 1998 aged 91 followed two weeks later by Tom.

The real Dallas home of JR, Bobby, Sue and Pam

DO YOU remember when the nation obsessed about who shot JR?

If so you'll have been around during the 1980s and been a fan of US TV series Dallas, the most popular long-running soap opera of the decade.

At its peak the programme was watched by 21.5 million people in Britain and 350 million around the world.

Its plot followed the endless feuds between two rival Texas oil families and the show was famous for its cliff hangers, the most notorious of which took place in 1980. An episode in November that year finished with the mysterious shooting of key character J.R. Ewing, played by Larry Hagman.

The whodunit sparked off an eight-month global media frenzy that spilled over into the UK with several newspapers dedicating column inches to the 'murder'.

But the show was also known for its glamorous mansions in which the two families lived. And one of them is now for sale.

It's a 10,341 sq ft faux Georgian mansion in North Dallas with 4.3 acres of gardens, for sale at 12.95 million. But what many former Dallas fans might recognise are its interiors, which were used regularly in the soap.

It has everything a vexed oil executive might want including five bedrooms, seven bathrooms, a panelled library, billiards room, elevator, media room, pool, spa and tennis court. And former US president George W Bush lives next door.

■ More information from www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/homes/weekly-ten-best-home-deals/2016/09-26-2016/

It's got a kind of muggle magic

This small, brown-bricked house on the market at £475,000 within a quiet cul-de-sac on the outskirts of a south-east commuter town would normally only appeal to young couples looking for an affordable place to start a family.

But this is no ordinary home. To the millions of Harry Potter fans around the world it is No.4 Privet Drive, the house where the orphaned Harry has to endure his spiteful aunt and uncle, the Dursleys.

The property featured in the first film adaption of JK Rowling's books, 2001's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and was taken over by film makers for two weeks in order to shoot the scenes.

One feature mentioned within the property listing that will set Potter fans' hears racing is its cupboard underneath the stairs where, of course, Harry was forced to sleep despite the property having a spare bedroom.

In reality it's a three-bedroom house at 12 Picket Post Close in Martin's Heron just outside Bracknell in Berkshire. It's been refurbished with an upgraded kitchen, new driveway and a remodelled back garden.

If you don't want to pay the asking price for the property, which is for sale via Chancellors then a full-size version of the house is available to look around at the Warner Bros Studio Tour in Watford.

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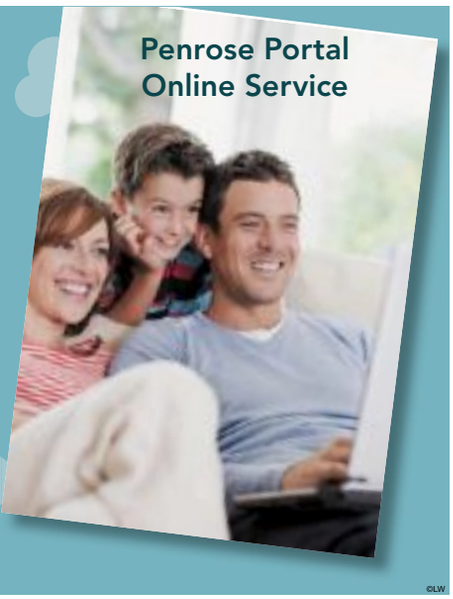

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Sell now and move by Christmas, says Connells

Connells' Six Week Challenge to sell your home in record time -

Local estate agency Connells are urging homeowners to start marketing their homes now if they want to be moved by Christmas. According to the branch, September is an ideal time to sell your home and by taking advantage of the company's 'Six Week Challenge', customers can successfully sell their property in record time and for the best price.

"September is an ideal time to sell your home," says Will Jones **Branch Partner** at Connells **Stopsley** "It's traditionally one of the busiest times of the year for us with the summer holidays over, and buyers returning to the market keen to purchase before the end of the year."

"Our 'Six Week Challenge' – where we use all our expertise and knowledge of the local housing market to help sellers secure a buyer in less than six weeks - has been hugely successful for our customers over the summer months," continues Will. "With even more properties required to meet current buyer demand, we would urge those interested in moving to make the most of a buoyant housing market and put us to the challenge!"

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Biscot Area — Offers in Excess £190,000

Connells are pleased to offer For Sale this two bedroom mid terraced house off the Leagrave Road and within walking distance to the popular Bury Park shopping parade. The property offers easy access to Luton Town Centre and stations , local schools and amenities.

South Luton — £180,000

Connells are pleased to offer this 2 bedroom mid terrace property located in the popular south Luton area. This property is located within walking distance to both train station and town centre. This chain free property is an idea investment property in need of modernisation.

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Connells are pleased to offer this 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace property in the sought after Bury Park area of Luton. The property briefly compromises of 2 Reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom and 2 Bedroom. Do not miss out call Connells to arrange a viewing 01582 450999

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Luton **£190,000**

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Luton Offers in Excess **£380,000**

This extended semi detached property briefly comprises entrance porch, lounge/diner, 2nd reception room, kitchen, utility, shower room, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens with brick built outhouse, off road parking & a garage to the side.

Luton **£210,000**

We are pleased to offer for sale this mid terrace property situated in the marsh farm area of Luton. This property briefly comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, large kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, rear enclosed garden with side access & garage at rear.

Luton Offers in Excess **£300,000**

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Luton **£220,000**

A well maintained, spacious end terrace property situated in the Marsh Farm area of Luton. Briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, L shaped kitchen/diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens & a garage in a block.

Luton Offers in Excess **£250,000**

Connells are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached property situated in the Hockwell Ring area of Luton. Briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens & off road parking.

Luton **£255,000**

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WIGMORE £320,000 OIEO

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WIGMORE £299,995

A beautifully presented and vastly improved semi-detached property situated within a quiet cul-de-sac in the popular Wigmore area and within a short distance of Wigmore valley park. VIEWING ADVISED

STOPSLEY OIRO £335,000

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LUTON OIRO £290,000

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Crawley Green Road **£1,200 PCM**

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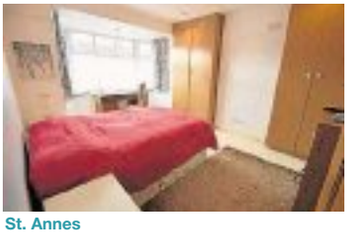

St. Annes **£1,400 PCM**

- Four furnished bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
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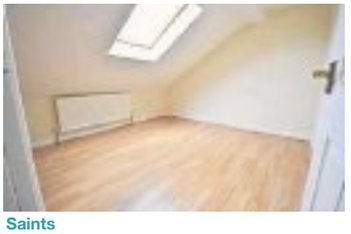

Saints **£1,500 PCM**

- Four bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Saints area
- Chain free
- Two reception rooms
- Ideal buy to let investment
- Large rear garden
- Off road parking

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Round Green **£289,950**

- Rear extension
- Three bedrooms
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- Round Green
- Excellent school catchments
- Garage to rear
- Spacious accommodation

St. Annes **£260,000**

- 90ft rear garden
- Off road parking
- Recently installed double glazing throughout
- Refitted family bathroom
- Utility room
- Plans already submitted for further development

Leagrave Central **£270,000**

- Large Three Bedroom Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Presented
- Great Access to Transport Links
- Ideal Family Home
- Off Road Parking
- Viewing Advised

Challney **£350,000**

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The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating.

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Hockwell Ring £225,000

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Oak Road £190,000

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been recently landscaped. The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating.

FOR SALE

Hart Lane Area £215,000

Set on the lovely Pomfret Avenue is this extended two bedroom house. The property is offered for sale with no upper chain. The property provides two

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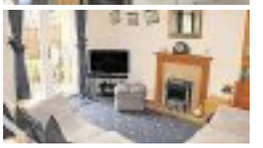

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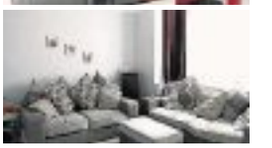

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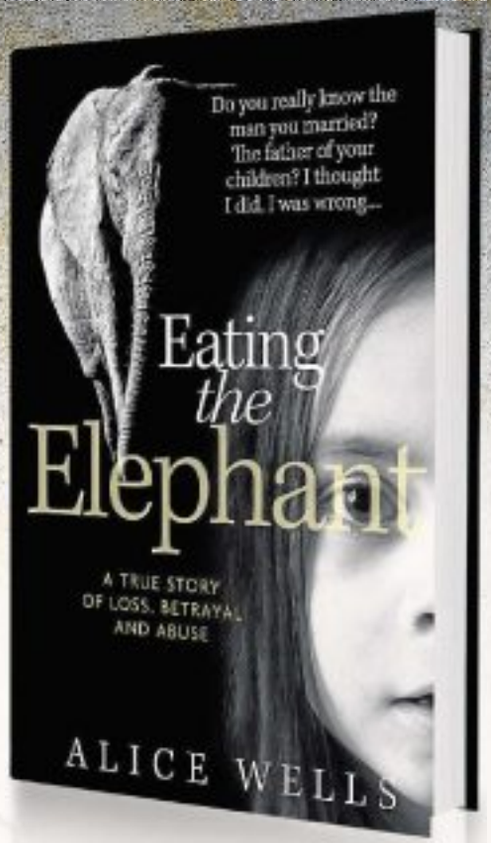

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (HALF MARATHON)
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NOTICE is hereby given that on 10th October 2016, Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation at 8am on 30th October 2016 and cease operation at 2pm on 30th October 2016 or when the half marathon has finished. The Order will therefore be in operation during such time and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs, marshals, barriers or cones. The roads will be opened as soon as runners have passed by and it is safe to do so.

The effect of the Order will allow the Council to temporarily close to vehicular traffic the event roads including roads adjoining the event roads listed in the Schedule below. The Order is intended to create a safe window for the staging of the half marathon.

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely.

A copy of this notice and a map showing the route of the half marathon may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546523 to arrange for an appointment to view. Routes and further information regarding the event may be found at www.loveluton.org.uk/halfmarathon or telephone 01582 546151.

16th October 2016

Highway Services Manager
Town Hall, Luton, LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
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Cromwell Hill.	The whole length.
Cumberland Street.	The whole length.
Cutenhoe Road.	The whole length.
George Street.	The whole length.
Guildford Street.	From its junction with Bridge Street to its junction with Old Bedford Road.
Hucklesby Way.	The whole length.
Kingsdown Avenue.	The whole length.
London Road.	From its junction with Tennyson Road to its junction with Ludlow Avenue.
Manchester Street.	From its junction with Gordon Street to its junction with George Street.
Old Bedford Road.	The whole length.
Park Street.	The whole length.
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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (FIREWORK DISPLAY) (NO.)**
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES & PARKING BAY SUSPENSION) ORDER 2016

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

MARSH FARM FIREWORK DISPLAY
CHANGE OF DATE

The Order for road closures will come into operation at 5pm on Thursday 3rd November 2016, and will cease operation after 9pm on 3rd November 2016 or when the proposed Luton Fireworks events have finished. The Orders will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

The effect of the Orders will allow the Council to close to vehicular traffic the roads and lengths of roads in the Schedule below and suspend parking bays. The Order is intended to create a window for the Luton Firework event to take place and it is anticipated that the events will take place within the date and times described as above. The purpose of the Order is to enhance the safety of the public attending the Luton Firework event. Details of road closures and diversions can be found at http://www.luton.gov.uk/roadworks

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16th October 2016

Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD CLOSURE
Denham Close.	The whole length.
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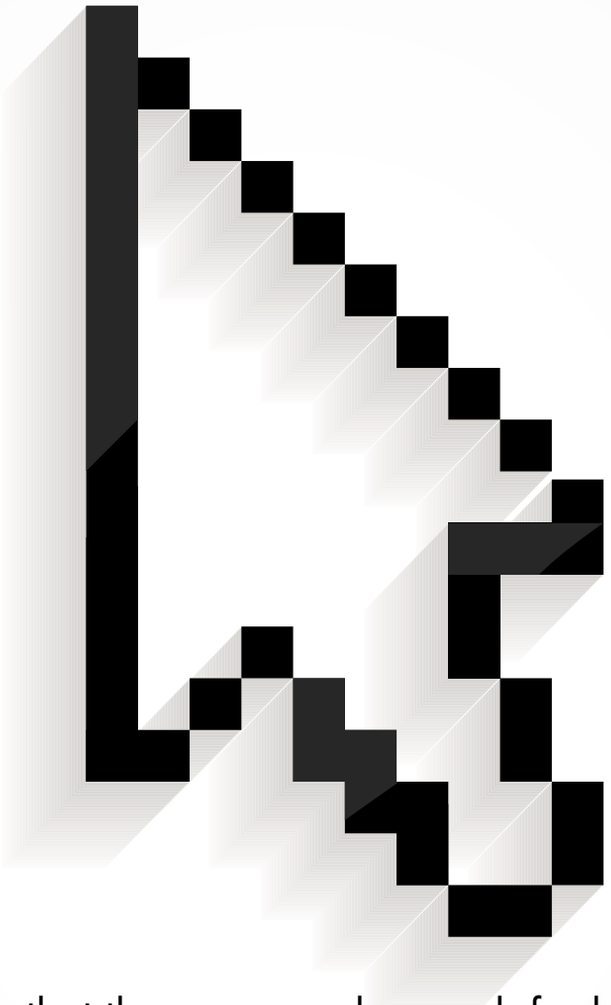

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Audi offers new SUV range

By: Stewart Smith

THE brooding good looks of the Black Edition models that have been mainstays of the Audi A4, A5, A6 and A7 Sportback ranges have inspired a new Q3 Black Edition that spearheads a wholesale update of Audi's compact SUV line-up.

The new top flight Q3 and the even better equipped versions that sit below it will become available later this month priced from £26,600, and will reach the first customers towards the end of the year.

At entry level the SE trim level now becomes Sport through the addition of SD navigation as standard and through styling enhancements that lend an even more purposeful air, including larger front air vents and a body-coloured front diffuser.

S line Navigation models become S line Edition by gaining standard interior features such as cruise control and the Audi Parking System Plus, and by adopting a new look for the front end, which now incorporates a distinctive horizontal strut spanning its full width, above which are air inlets with more pronounced surrounds and a new diamond-pattern mesh design.

The main attraction in the range is now the Q3 Black Edition, which stays true to the concept introduced elsewhere in the Audi range.

Replacing the S line plus model, it builds on that version's extensive specification with features such as standard metallic paint, privacy glass from the door pillar rearwards and a Bose sound system upgrade, but its key point of differentiation is a distinctive black treatment for many of its parts.

These start in the cabin with piano black inlays, and continue outside to take in everything from the 19-inch alloy wheels, wheel arch cappings and Single Frame grille surround to the roof rails, rear spoiler and tailpipes, all of which are finished in gloss black.

Under the skin, two TDI diesel and two TFSI petrol engines are available, depending on the chosen specification.

The 1.4-litre TFSI with cylinder-on-demand technology brings 150bhp and the option of either manual or S tronic twin-clutch automatic transmission.

It gives the front-wheel-driven Q3 1.4 TFSI a 0-62mph sprint time of as little as 8.9 seconds, but also 51.4mpg capability (manual) based on the combined cycle test.

Above it in the petrol line-up is a 2.0-litre TFSI unit with 180bhp, which can be linked to either manual or S tronic transmission and works with quattro all-wheel-drive without exception.

Forming the diesel contingent are two four-cylinder, 2.0-litre TDIs with outputs of 150bhp and 184bhp. The 150bhp version has the potential to return up to 62.8mpg with a CO2 output of just 117g/km.

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INFINITI GUIDES TOP CHEFS

BY: DAVID WHINYATES

PREMIUM car maker Infiniti has joined forces with the world's most renowned guide of quality in hotels and restaurants.

The Japanese brand has announced a partnership with the Michelin Guide and used the unveiling event for Britain's latest Michelin-starred restaurants to introduce the new Infiniti Q60 sports coupé. Infiniti also supported the awards ceremony by chauffeuring the top chefs and celebrities to and from the venue in London.

GRAND OFFER FROM KIA BY: DAVID WHINYATES

PRIVATE buyers are being offered a hefty £1,000 off the purchase of selected models in Kia's growing range and all they have to do is take a test drive before the end of the year.

In addition taking a test drive of any Kia model before the end of November will make potential buyers eligible for a draw to win an all-expenses-paid trip down under to see the men's semi-finals of the Kia-sponsored Australian Open grand-slam tennis tournament.

Kia also has a range of special finance offers on the all-new Sportage, the Picanto and the top of the range Sorento SUV.

RECORD NUMBERS TAKE ROUTE 66

BY: STEWART SMITH

THE UK new car market remained steady in September, rising 1.6 per cent, according to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

In total 469,696 cars were registered, as buyers purchased the new 66-plate.

The performance marks the highest figures for September on record, while the total number of cars registered so far this year also grew to 2,150,495 units – up 2.6 per cent compared with the same period last year.

It is only the second time that the two million mark has been passed in September since 2004.

Biggest seller was the Ford Focus with 19,769 sales followed by the Vauxhall Corsa at 14,570.

Fleet registrations continued to drive growth, up 7.3 per cent, while registrations to private motorists experienced a small decline, down -1.7 per cent to 223,844 units in the month.

Meanwhile, diesel registrations rose 2.8 per cent as petrol's declined -1.1 per cent.

Alternatively fueled vehicles continued to outpace the market, up 32.6 per cent against the same month last year with a market share of 3.4 per cent.

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Skoda Octavia Scout Estate

By: Peter Keenan

SKODA faces a tough task with the Octavia Scout Estate.

It has to convince bright young things who need a motor practical enough to handle the school run and cool enough to take to the beach or mountaintop, not to choose one of the many SUV crossover models currently more popular than Ant and Dec.

The Czech motor manufacturer's response is a quality offering that can take on the SUV hordes and strike a blow for tradition.

For this Scout is no boy, but rather a tough all-action hero featuring four-wheel drive and a raised ride height - giving genuine off-road capability - as well as a cave-like bootspace capable of accommodating the most outward bound of families.

The Haldex-5 all-wheel drive system and multi-mode drive control give the estate the tools to live up to its name making it comfortable in the countryside and prepared for anything.

That's not to say it is rough on the road or expensive to run as under normal conditions front-wheel drive is employed - so saving fuel - with the estate civilised to drive both around town and on the motorway despite its rugged appearance.

When conditions worsen though, the clever electronics recognise when grip is being lost and send power to the rear wheels to increase traction with wheelspin kept to a minimum.

The Scout sits more than an inch higher than the nomal Octavia Estate and is fitted with underbody armour and added protection around the wheel arches as well as chunky front and rear skid plates.

Other styling clues to its off-road pretensions include black plastic trim for the sills, bumpers and wheelarches while silver roof rails and splashes of chrome give it an upmarket feel.

The cumulative effect of this is to make the Scout visually impressive with a ready-for-anything attitude.

The interior is similarly no-nonsense with a simple layout featuring all mod cons such as climate control and satellite navigation.

Creature comforts such as alcatara and leather upholstery featuring Scout logos are included, as are tinted rear windows.

The likes of 17-inch alloys and lane departure warning systems also make a welcome appearance on the standard issue list with optional extras including front and rear parking sensors at £350, heated front seats at £250 and an advanced connectivity system which includes wi-fi and a full colour trip computer display costing £1,050.

There's plenty of room to get comfortable front and back while luggage space starts at 590 litres with all the seats in use expanding to 1,580 when the rear ones are folded.

Driven by the less powerful of the 2.0-litre diesel engines available - there's also a 184ps version - the car I drove was nevertheless no slouch with 62mph hit from a standing start in a shade over nine seconds on the way to a top speed of 129mph with the help of a slick six-speed manual gearbox.

In the battle with the all-conquering crossovers the Scout does inflict substantial damage when it comes to running costs as it boasts a fuel economy figure of 58.9mpg and emissions of 125g/km.

In the real world the Scout was getting about 50 to the gallon which is pretty good for what is a big motor boasting a 1.8-tonne towing capacity.

It all adds up to a family-friendly package that is well kitted out and able to handle the mud when required.

FAST FACTS

Skoda Octavia Scout Estate

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TIPS FOR DRIVING WITH FAMILY PETS BY: STEWART SMITH

MANY of us take to the road with our pets and if we are lucky enough might even have a place for them at our desks. But much as we love them, now and again our furry friends can pose a few challenges when we're driving. Here are some tips for those driving with pets from IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman. First of all try not to feed your pet right before you leave or when you're on the road, but do keep a supply of their favourite biscuits or treats so you can stay in control.. Keep your pets out of the front seat and off your lap. You never know when your pet might react to something they think is interesting outside the car. Ideally dogs should be behind a guard or correctly strapped in in the back seat. Cats or smaller creatures should be in an appropriately secured carrier. Leaving your pet alone in the car, no matter what the temperature might feel like outside, is a big no. Try to take along familiar toys and bedding to provide a relaxed setting. Don't change up the menu! A sudden switch in your pet's food before the journey can upset them (and their stomach!). Take water and a bowl with you to keep your favourite companion well hydrated and take frequent stops for exercise and calls of nature. Keep a supply of poo bags in the car just in case. Don't let your pet stick its head out of the window. Dog's eyes were never designed to travel at 60mph! Follow these guidelines and all onboard should be fine.

MATING DEER WARNING TO DRIVERS

BY: STEWART SMITH

ROAD safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist is advising drivers to take extra care in areas where deer are common, as their breeding season gets underway.

The coming weeks mean deer are more mobile than usual, bringing them onto roads and increasing the risk of collisions.

The human death toll from deer collisions ranges between 10 and 20 annually, and industry estimates put the cost of damage to vehicles alone to be at least £17 million.

Estimates indicate that up to 75,000 deer are killed each year in road collisions.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth says: "We encourage drivers to be extra observant, especially as the mornings and evenings get darker. Be ready to take appropriate avoiding action if you come across a deer on the road ahead.

"Periods of highest deer activity tend to occur at dawn and dusk, coinciding with the morning and evening rush hour, increasing collision risks in areas where deer are common."

Experts believe the UK deer population numbers more than two million, and research from the RSPCA shows around 75,000 deer are involved in vehicle collisions each year, with 10,000 killed instantly.

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October is Tyre Safety Month because it is notoriously the wettest month of the year and recent research from the Tyresafe charity suggests that one in four vehicles on UK roads may have poorly maintained and ultimately unsafe tyres. That could mean some 10 million vehicles are potentially dangerous at any one time. FOXY Lady Drivers Club founder Steph Savill was sufficiently concerned to do something about this. She explains:"We're kept informed about tyre safety by our network of FOXY Lady Approved garages that clearly worry about the dangerous car tyres they see (and fail) at MOT time. Even legal tyres at 1.6mm tread are a long way past their grippy-best and having tested a range of various car tyres myself, I know to buy the best make I can afford and to change my tyres at 3mm tread not 1.6mm." To reassure women that a free tyre check won't lead to them being ripped off, all FOXY Lady Approved businesses have signed a promise to 'never overcharge, patronise or sell women services they don't need' which is then policed by female feedback.

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FIFA is trying to mend something that isn't broken

AFTER a long and tedious international break that left many football fans (at least, those whose clubs didn't play during it) losing the will to live, came some rather unwelcome news.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino, who isn't exactly following through on his pledge to clean up a global governing body riddled with corruption, said the possibility of expanding the World Cup is being explored.

It's unwelcome because it's worryingly reminiscent of the way Infantino's predecessor Sepp Blatter would try to influence voters in Africa and Asia, as these are two confederations who would unquestionably benefit from any expansion.

There are several reasons why bigger isn't always better – you only have to look back to this summer and the first-ever 24-team European Championship, which failed to take off on the pitch.

In looking into increasing the amount of nations participating in World Cup finals, FIFA is risking diluting the quality of their own tournament in the way UEFA have already done to theirs.

The numbers mentioned range from 40 to as many as 48 teams potentially becoming involved – the higher one involving a format that would see a third of them eliminated after one game.

Even with the current amount of 32 nations, there are several teams who add nothing to the competition and only make it due to their confederation's quota (I sense a few England jokes at this juncture).

But a really compelling argument against letting in those just below this already large pool came during the play-off stages of the qualification for the 2014 World Cup.

In one of the more curious ties, the fifth-best team in South America, Uruguay, were paired up with the fifth-best team in Asia, Jordan.

Uruguay ended up winning the first leg, away from home, 5-0 and demonstrated an embarrassing gulf in class between the best teams in those two particular continents.

A further reason against expansion is a logistical one: many countries would struggle to cope with a tournament that involves so many teams and the increase in supporters that would travel there.

A World Cup these days also tends to bring the rise of plenty of new stadiums, something that Brazil struggled badly with in the build-up to 2014, as they only just got them all ready on time.

Not that FIFA noticed all these infrastructure problems; their executives were all too busy being chauffeured around host cities and being holed up in five-star hotels to do so. What is really worrying about all this is that, yet again, FIFA is showing a detachment from the real world and is showing no sign of changing.

BIGGEST PRIZE: The World Cup would become a bloated competition should FIFA go through with its plans

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England star puts Luton girls through paces

SPECIAL VISITOR: Arsenal Ladies forward Danielle Carter brought the FA Women's Cup with her

FOOTBALL

YOUNG footballers at Luton Town Ladies FC were given a coaching session they will never forget on Tuesday night, as Arsenal and England forward Danielle Carter paid them a surprise visit.

Carter's appearance at Denbigh High School was part of the launch of the new Girls Only Football Programme, which is being run by the Football Association along with energy firm SSE.

The programme provides clubs with funding to create girls only coaching sessions and is part of SSE's commitment to supporting the women's game, which includes sponsoring the FA Women's Cup.

Carter believes it's a great way to attract young girls to football, with the women's game experiencing a surge in popularity due to England's success in last year's World Cup, where they finished third.

Carter said: "The main focus of the partnership between the SSE and the FA is to increase the participation of girls of all ages, which I think is brilliant.

"There weren't many things like this when I started out. It was a case of finding a team, going and joining a boys' team.

"There was never anything that said 'come and join us, let's see if you really like it, let's see if we can encourage you to go on and meet your potential.'"

Meeting her potential is something Carter has done a great job of in the last year, as she scored the winning goal for Arsenal in this season's FA Women's Cup final at Wembley with a wonderful curling effort against Chelsea. The 23-year-old also marked her senior international debut with England by scoring a hat-trick against Estonia in September last year.

When asked about her development in the last 12 months, Carter said: "I don't think I'll ever forget that goal [in the Cup final]. Just playing at Wembley with Arsenal was phenomenal, but to do that just topped it.

"I knew I had caught it sweet and it was just a case of the 'keeper having to pull off a 'worldie' save, which thankfully she didn't, but a lot of practice went into it and it worked that day."

Blues hold on to win against Dorchester

FOOTBALL

DUNSTABLE Town held off a late comeback from Dorchester Town to win 2-1 in their Evo Stik Southern League Premier Division clash at Creasey Park yesterday afternoon.

The visitors got off to a better start and almost took the lead with 17 minutes on the clock.

A corner was whipped into the box and fell to Chris Dillon, who lashed the ball over the bar.

The breakthrough came on the hour mark, when John Sonuga found the next for the hosts, before Alex Cathline doubled the hosts' lead 10 minutes later.

Dorchester searched for a way back into the game and squandered their best chance of the game so far soon after Cathline found the net, when Dillon headed over from a cross from Neil Martin.

The Magpies kept pressing and were rewarded in the 88th minute when Nathan Walker fired home from Martin's neatly chipped ball.

Dorchester almost nabbed an equaliser in stoppage time, when Mario Mateus' fierce drive cannoned back off the post.

There was no action for Barton Rovers or AFC Dunstable in the Evo Stik Southern League Division One Central yesterday,

The OD's are in action later today when they welcome Ashford Town ton Creasey Park.

Barton Rovers are next in action on Tuesday, when they welcome Luton Town to Sharpenhoe Road for a Bedfordshire Senior Cup tie.

Boss could swing for Hylton

FRUSTRATED: Nathan Jones was disappointed with Hylton's booking

FOOTBALL

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE
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LUTON manager Nathan Jones joked that Danny Hylton makes him want to punch the striker at times - but that goals make up for his wild side after he got himself in hot water but netted the winner against Leyton Orient.

The frontman notched his eighth of the campaign in the 2-1 League Two win, but he got himself booked after the O's halved the deficit late on, by clashing with Sandro Semedo who had originally squared up to Town's opening goalscorer Cameron McGeehan.

Referee Trevor Kettle took Hylton's name despite protestations and that will see him suspended for next week's clash against Mansfield, for accumulating five cautions so far this term.

"The frustrating thing for him is because it wasn't him that caused it," Jones said.

"The ref was trying to book him and he was trying to explain and sometimes it comes across in the wrong way.

"It's frustrating and he makes you want to punch him at times, but then he does what he does. He's my main man and I love him because he gets me goals, he leads the line, he's tireless, he's a nuisance, he's the best in the league."

Asked what Hylton had done to find his way into another referee's notebook, Jones said: "I don't entirely know what it's for but he's in the moment and if it is then it'll be ill-discipline.

"I have to find out exactly what it is but he's always in the mix, he's that type of player. It's hard to take that away from him because you get eight goals. He's one of the top scorers in the league because he's that type.

"I need to curb something but at least now, after this game, he'll get a bit of respite because he's got five bookings to get [another suspension]. He's already missed two games through suspension already and I don't want him missing any more."

Jones had no qualms with Mr Kettle, however, but said: "It's frustrating for us and I want to hammer Danny but sometimes, after the performances he puts in it's difficult.

"That can't tarnish an overall performance. He's led the line, he was outstanding and he would have been the type, when I was a player, that you don't relish playing against."

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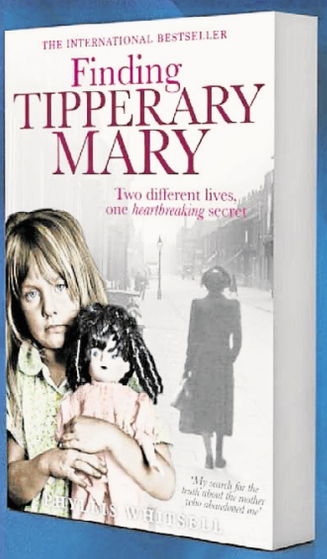

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Masked man strikes again

FOOTBALL

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THE masked menace made Orient pay this weekend - in every aspect the Luton win was another classic day at the office for Danny Hylton.

The striker – still sporting the face furniture to protect his broken cheekbone – scored his eighth of the season to see Town to their first League Two win in four games. But the man is a yellow card waiting to happen and he got himself booked in bizarre circumstances. He will now miss the Mansfield game for collecting five cautions already this term.

It had all been going so well for the forward and the Hatters before the 79th minute. Cameron McGeehan – who celebrated the victory by rushing off after the game to watch Justin Bieber at The O2 – notched his seventh of the campaign with a first half strike and Hylton doubled the lead in the 75th minute. Jack Marriott was instrumental in both goals.

But then, from a position of comfort, Luton ensured their wait for a clean sheet stretched to an eighth straight game as Ollie Palmer tucked in off the post. It was a soft goal to give the O's.

To make matters worse, as the Hatters lined up for the restart, Hylton got involved in a scuffle between McGeehan and Sandro Samedo and found his way into referee Trevor Kettle's notebook.

MAKING HIS MARK: Danny Hylton celebrates doubling Luton's lead

Boss Nathan Jones, knowing what that meant, was pulling his hair out on the touchline, but after the final whistle he pushed the reluctant frontman forward to take the applause of the 1,341 travelling Town faithful. They didn't mind about his misdemeanour, they were busy chanting 'Nathan Jones' Barmy Army'.

There were four changes from last weekend's lacklustre draw against Crewe with right back Stephen O'Donnell a late replacement for James Justin, who had been named on the team-sheet but injured his calf in the warm-up. Also returning were Alex Gilliead, Glen Rea and Jordan Cook who came into the side at the expense of Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, Jake Gray (both on the bench) and Olly Lee.

Keeper Christian Walton, back in a Luton shirt after making his England Under-21 debut on Tuesday, was called into action early on clawing a Semedo cross-cum-shot out from under his crossbar, before a big let-off when Palmer's diving header went wide from eight yards.

Luton were set up to play on the counter and that's how the opener came. Gilliead, who'd earlier hit the top of the bar with a cross, picked the pocket Jay Simpson midway into Orient's half, burst forward and set up Marriott. Instead Cisak saved and presented McGeehan with the easiest tap-in of his life.

Luton nearly made it 2-0 with a similar chance just before the hour. Marriott chased McGeehan's ball over the top and cut inside the penalty area, but his shot was tipped onto the post by Cisak. At the other end, Walton had little to do but still had to beat away Palmer's long range blast. That memory was quickly overtaken by Hylton's winner.

The O's must have thought they'd averted danger after the striker's flick set Marriott free. Yvan Erichot made the saving tackle but the young Hatter found his strike partner who blasted home. Soon after it should have been 3-0. Hylton played in Gilliead but he shanked his shot wide and Orient went up the other end and scored. It was a double blow for Luton as Hylton's went from Dr Jekyll to Mr Hyde at the restart.

Full credit to the forward from there though.

He conducted himself in the perfect way afterwards, with some canny forwards play which helped take the sting out of any potential late Orient surge.

He'll be missed next week, there's no masking that.

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